

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to update cross-references to other patent documents. No new subject matter has been added by the amendments to the specification.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

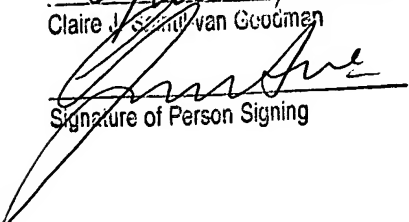
Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey C. Aldridge
Registration No. 51,390
Agent for Applicants
FISH & NEAVE
Customer No. 1473
1251 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10020-1105
Tel.: (212) 596-9000
Fax: (212) 596-9090

I hereby certify that this
Correspondence is being
deposited with the U.S.
Postal Service in First
Class Mail in an envelope
Addressed to:
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

April 6, 2004
Claire J. Schindler van Goodman


Signature of Person Signing